CLAIMS

- 1. Composition comprising an ester of a polyol and a

 mixture of fatty acids, wherein at least a part (I) of
 the esterified fatty acids has a chain length of 5-12
 carbon atoms and another part (II) of the esterified
 fatty acids has a chain length of 16-22 carbon atoms,
 and wherein the composition has a viscosity of 7000

 mm²/s or less, when tested according to ASTM (D2531).
 - 2. Composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the composition has a viscosity of $5000 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$ or less, when tested according to ASTM (D2531).

Composition according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the ratio of esterified short chain fatty acid
 (I):long chain fatty acid (II) is between 2:1 and 1:20

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by weight.

- 4. Composition according to claim 3, characterized in that the ratio (I):(II) is between 1:1 and 1:10 by weight.
- 25 5. Composition according to any of claims 1-4, characterized in that the composition is substantially free of an emulsifier.
- Composition according to any of claims 1-5,
 characterized in that it further comprises an antioxidant.
- Composition according to any of claims 1-6, characterized in that it further comprises a viscosity index (VI) improver.
 - 8. Composition according to any of claims 1-7,

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characterized in that it further comprises an antiwear compound.

- 9. Composition according to any of claims 1-8,
 5 characterized in that it further comprises an antifoam compound.
- 10. Composition according to any of claims 1-9, characterized in that it comprises substantially no pourpoint depressant.
 - 11. Composition according to any of claims 1-10, characterized in that the polyol is selected from the group consisting of TMP, PE, NPG, di-TMP, tri-TMP, di-PE, tri-PE.
 - 12. Composition according to claim 11, characterized in that the polyol comprises TMP.
- 20 13. Composition according to any of claims 1-12, characterized in that the short chain fatty acids comprise branched or straight chain C8 or C10 fatty acids, or mixtures thereof.
- 25 14. Composition according to any of claims 1-13, characterized in that the long chain fatty acids comprise oleic acid or isostearic acid.
- 15. Composition according to any of claims 1-14,
 30 characterized in that the fatty acid ester is present
 in an amount of at least 75% by weight, based on the
 total composition.
- 16. Use of the compositions according to any of claims 1-15 in the manufacture of hydraulic fluids.
 - 17. Use of the compositions according to any of claims 1-

15 in hydraulic equipment.

18. Use according to claim 17, characterized in that the hydraulic equipment is part of a mobile system.

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19. Method for the manufacture of hydraulic fluids, comprising the esterification of a polyol with a mixture of fatty acids, characterized in that at least a part of the fatty acids has a short chain length (5-12 carbon atoms) and another part of the fatty acids has a long chain length (16-22 carbon atoms), and optionally mixing the resulting mixed ester with other components.